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Docket No.: 104704-0008
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In re Patent Application of:
Peter Gaidarev et al.

Application No.: 10/005,217

Group Art Unit: 3713

Filed: December 5, 2001

Examiner: R. J. Mendoza

For: PAYOUT DISTRIBUTIONS FOR GAMES OF
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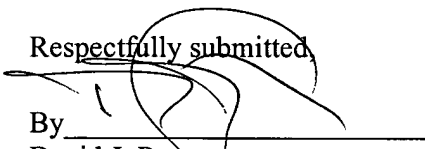
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On October 29, 2004 an Information Disclosure Statement was filed (copy attached) but, apparently, mistakenly overlooked by the Examiner. At this time, applicant requests the Examiner's consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,


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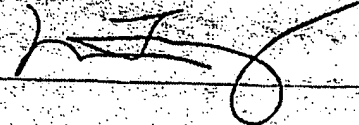
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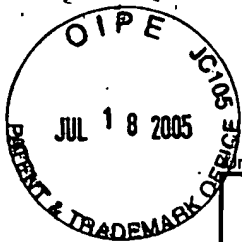
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the publications listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

The Applicant also calls the Examiner's attention to the following co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Patent Applications:

| U.S. Serial No. | Filing Date | Title |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| 09/975,769 | October 11, 2001 | ESTIMATING THE SEASONALITY OF GROUPS OF SIMILAR ITEMS OF COMMERCE DATA SETS BASED ON HISTORICAL SALES DATA VALUES AND ASSOCIATED ERROR INFORMATION |
| 10/165,041 | June 7, 2002 | MARKDOWN MANAGEMENT |
| 09/263,979 | March 5, 1999 | INVENTORY AND PRICE DECISION SUPPORT |
| 09/900,706 | July 6, 2001 | PRICE DECISION SUPPORT |
| 09/826,378 | April 4, 2001 | ASSORTMENT DECISIONS |
| 10/861,772 | June 4, 2004 | METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RETAIL INVENTORY BUDGET OPTIMIZATION AND GROSS PROFIT MAXIMIZATION |
| 10/891,458 | July 14, 2001 | METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INVENTORY ALLOCATION AND PRICING |

I hereby certify that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A copy of each publication on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

Our check in the amount of \$180.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 104704-0008.

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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | |
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| | AA | US-2002/0174119 | 11-21-2002 | Kummamuru et al. | |
| | AB | US-5,983,224 | 11-09-1999 | SINGH et al. | |
| | AC | US-6,496,834 | 12-17-2002 | Cereghini et al. | |
| | AD | US-6,397,166 | 05-28-2002 | LEUNG et al. | |
| | AE | US-6,092,049 | 07-18-2000 | CHISLENKO et al. | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
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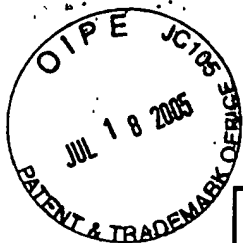
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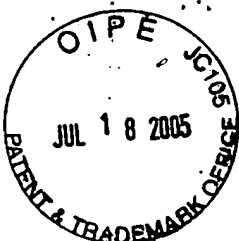
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| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet. | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 430 | 2252 | 215 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 980 | 2253 | 490 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,530 | 2254 | 765 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,080 | 2255 | 1,040 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 340 | 2401 | 170 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 340 | 2402 | 170 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 300 | 2403 | 150 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,370 | 2453 | 685 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,370 | 2501 | 685 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 490 | 2502 | 245 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 660 | 2503 | 330 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | 180.00 |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
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| 1201 | 88 | 2201 | 44 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
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